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1. The Senate has passed H. R. 7278, the Supplemental Appropriation bill containing \$7,000,000 for the CIA headquarters installation. There was no debate regarding the CIA item on the Floor of the Senate. The Senate Conferees on the bill will be Senators Hayden, Russell, Chavez, Ellender, Hill, Stennis, Bridges, Saltonstall, Young, Knowland, and Thye.
2. The DCI called Cong. Mahon and requested that the House Conferees on the Supplemental Appropriations bill accept the Senate version with one change. The Senate Appropriations Committee reduced to \$350,000 the \$1,000,000 requested for the acquisition of a site. The DCI is requesting the Conferees to raise this figure to \$500,000. Mr. Mahon assured the Director that he would be of every possible assistance on this matter and that it would not be necessary for the Director to discuss the matter further with him. The Director told Mr. Mahon he would send a letter and statement to him expressing our position.
3. The DCI and I called upon Cong. Taber in connection with the CIA appropriations language and left a copy of the DCI's letter and statement to Cong. Mahon. In my opinion Cong. Taber appeared well disposed towards our desire to accept the Senate language. As we were leaving, Mr. Sam Neel and Mr. Clive DuVal, General Counsel of USIA, both of whom oppose our location at the Langley site, called upon Mr. Taber.
4. The DCI and I called upon Mr. Wigglesworth and talked with him briefly concerning our desire for the House to adopt the Senate language. I do not think that Mr. Wigglesworth fully grasped the problem, and I cannot predict his position, although he may be strongly guided by Mr. Taber.
5. Sen. Beall (R., Md.) called the DCI to urge consideration of a Maryland site for the CIA headquarters installation. The DCI explained the reasons why a Maryland site did not appear possible at this time, but assured the Senator that if for any reason the question of a site was reopened Maryland would again be considered.

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6. Mr. Robert Kennedy, Counsel to the Senate Investigating Committee, called to state that two members of his staff, Jerome Alderman and LaVerne Duffy, were leaving for Europe on 5 August to look into problems of East-West trade. Mr. Kennedy stated that he would appreciate it if we could help these two staff men in any way, but that he realized this was a very touchy matter. I told him that I thought we would see them to see what assistance they would like to have. Mr. Kennedy is leaving today on a trip abroad until September.

7. Cong. Murray has introduced H. R. 7619 and Mr. Rees has introduced H. R. 7620 -- both are executive pay bills.

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